


Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

	Substitute for form 1449B/PTO		Complete if Known	
	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		Application Number	10/023,886
	Date Submitted: November 21, 2005		Filing Date	12/21/2000
	(use as many sheets as necessary)		First Named Inventor	Hideo SHIMAZU
	1 of 1		Group Art Unit	3822
			Examiner Name	Duran, Arthur D.
		Attorney Docket Number	016891-0841	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (# known)			
DL	B1	2002-0063723	A1	HIRONO, Chiharu	05/30/2002	=B6
DL	B2	6,807,571	B2	HATANO et al.	10/19/2004	
DL	B3	6,882,348	B2	HIRONO, Chiharu	04/19/2005	=B6
DL	B4	2005-0195219	A1	HIRONO, Chiharu	09/08/2005	=B6

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Documents	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
DL	B5	JP	8-87489	A	SONY CORP.	04/02/1996		A
DL	B6	JP	11-212999	A	SONY CORP.	08/08/1999	= B1, B3, B4	A
DL	B7	JP	2000-137737	A	INCREMENT P CORP et al.	05/16/2000		A
DL	B8	JP	2000-293506	a	SONY CORP.	10/20/2000		A
DL	B9	JP	2000-329552	A	GEN TECH KK	11/30/2000		A

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.) date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ⁶

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	9/2/06
--------------------	---	-----------------	--------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 809. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Unique citation designation number. ² See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 18 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Form PTO-1449 (MODIFIED)		U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		ATTY. DOCKET NO. 016891-0841		SERIAL NO. Unassigned	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION <i>(Use several sheets if necessary)</i>				APPLICANT Hideo SHIMAZU			
				FILING DATE 12/21/2001		GROUP ART UNIT Unassigned	

JC355 U.S. PTO
 10/023886
 12/21/01

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS								
	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
DL	A1	2756483 ✓	03/13/1998	Japan				

OTHER DOCUMENTS <i>(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</i>		

EXAMINER 	DATE CONSIDERED 9/2/06
--------------	---------------------------

* EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include any copy of this form with next communication to applicant.